

SIGNPOST
the weekly newsletter of
St George's, Tuffley
with **St Margaret's, Whaddon**

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship
1 January 2023

CHRISTMAS 2
Welcome

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Rachel or one of our Church Wardens, (Mike or Sylvia at St George's) (Jonathan or Hans at St Margaret's) or the door steward. If visiting St George's, please join us for tea/coffee after the 10.30am service. Both churches are fitted with an inductive loop; to hear the service better those with hearing aids should switch them to the appropriate setting.

If you are feeling unwell, please could you stay at home.

Thank you.

For your own comfort...

Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

New Year invite:

As you may have seen in Crossroads, Paul and I would like to warmly invite everyone to drop into the Vicarage on Saturday 7th January anytime between 10.00am and 1.00pm for New Year refreshments and time together. We are thrilled to have been with you through 2022 and would like to say thank you to you all for everything, and to look forward together to 2023.

Rachel

Rob Taylor:

Many of our congregations will remember Rob Taylor, the husband of Jan Taylor who was a Curate here in the early to mid-1990s. As a Reader, Rob took part in our services from time to time although he was attached to St Barnabas. Rob and Jan lived in St George's Close before moving back to the Forest of Dean area. Sorry to write that Rob is currently receiving palliative care in hospital and is on the final part of his journey on earth. Please pray for Rob, his family and his friends, Rob will appreciate it.

Order of Service

God's glory and Joseph's trust

The hymns listed below are for the service at St George's



Processional Hymn 85 Brightest and best

Prayer for Today

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 63 God's Mercy Remembered

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm 148

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, **you sea monsters and all deeps;**
8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, **tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
9 Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars;**
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, **creeping things and birds on the wing;**
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, **princes and all rulers of the world;**
12 Young men and women, old and young together; **let them praise the name of the Lord.**
13 For his name only is exalted, **his splendour above earth and heaven.**
14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

Hebrews 2

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' ¹³And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared

the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Matthew 2 The Escape to Egypt

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

The Massacre of the Infants

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

The Return from Egypt

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Sermon: Rev'd Rachel

Declaration of Faith:

Intercessions:

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Angela, Susan, Laura, Lynne, Daphne, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Helen, David, Carol and Family, Rob

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Aimee Brown celebrates her 30th birthday on 3rd

Tony & Jenny Jones celebrate their 51st Anniversary on 1st.

In Memoriam:

Mike Mumby RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Roy Merrett, June Mouldsdales, Sheila Eagles, William Tweed, Edna Kemp, Charles Townsend, Pat Hughes, Doug Nash, Denis Hill, Joyce Meech, Gloria McCoppin, Gladys Bullard, Sharon Mitchell, Richard Leighton, Gwen Hall, Ken Jones, Joyce Evans, Ann Western, Janet Woolams, Ray Collins, Amy Redfern, Ena Edwards, Harold Lewis.

If you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost, please let Glenda know.

Offertory Hymn: 686 Through all the changing scenes of life

Communion Hymn: 521 Once in royal David's city

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

Final Hymn: 589 See him lying on a bed of straw

News & Diary Dates 1st January to 8th January

***** Messy Church *****

Have you got neighbours with young children? Let them know the Church in Tuffley plan to run, 'Messy Church' sessions each month. **Due to Covid some sessions may be cancelled so we advise the relevant Church Website is checked.**

St Barnabas on the 1st Friday of the month.

Next meeting – 6th January from 3.30 – 4.45pm

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting – 29th January at 10.30am.

ONLINE:

Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8.15am will continue to be online on Zoom. If you have a computer (with a camera and microphone), an iPad, or an iPhone we can send an invite to your email address. If you have no devices to connect to the internet, but have a landline telephone you can still join in. You would be provided with a telephone number. Additional information allowing you to join the meeting would be given you. Interested? Let Rachel know and you will be welcomed to join any of the above meetings.

APCM:

The end of 2022 is nigh, so thoughts should be turning towards reports on the activities your group were part of during 2022. These reports are compiled into a Reports

and Accounts document by Glenda, which is then presented at benefice APCMs. No date is confirmed yet for our APCM meetings but please consider writing your report soon whilst happenings remain fresh in your memory and email them to Glenda (no PDFs please) who will put the final report together. If you can't email it, please give Glenda enough time to word process it. Thank you.

Sun 1	CHRISTMAS 2		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Susan / Sylvia C Intercessions: Derek
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 2	Bank Holiday		
Tue 3	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 4	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 5	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 6	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 7	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church cleaning
Sun 8	EPIPHANY		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Linda M / Stuart Intercessions: Sylvia C
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall,
St B's = St Barnabas.**

FOODBANK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday. Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF LONG LIFE MILK, (Not Chilled) LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, (Not Chilled) TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham) TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, PACKET INSTANT MASH, PACKETS OF BISCUITS, SMALL JARS COFFEE, SHOWER GEL, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES.** Thank you!

Know someone who:

- ❖ is without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



COFFEE POT is back
Tuesday 3rd January onwards
in St George's Centre
from 9.30am

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING
from 10.00am until 12.00noon
SATURDAY 7th JANUARY
Come along and join our merry band
No experience needed
On the job training available

PCC MEETING
7.00pm on Tuesday
17th January 2023
Small Hall